



LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026

**Welcome to Lithia Springs Methodist Church.
We are blessed to have you join us in worship.**

*The flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of
God and the rosebud on the altar is in honor of Sadie
Grace McCoy, born May 11, 2026, to Chase and Hope
(Livingston) McCoy.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

John Gentry

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INVOCATION

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
John Gentry
Arr. John Barr

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 21:1-7

The king rejoices in your strength, Lord.

How great is his joy in the victories you give!

*You have granted him his heart's desire and have not
withheld the request of his lips.*

**You came to greet him with rich blessings
and placed a crown of pure gold on his head.**

*He asked you for life, and you gave it to him—length of
days, forever and ever.*

**Through the victories you gave, his glory is
great; you have bestowed on him splendor
and majesty.**

*Surely you have granted him unending blessings and made
him glad with the joy of your presence.*

**For the king trusts in the Lord; through the
unfailing love of the Most High, he will not
be shaken.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
No 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

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HYMN*

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
No 408

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

The Apostles' Creed
No 691

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

ANTHEM

“Holy Place”
Chancel Choir
Arr. Wilkerson

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

John Gentry

Arr. John Carter

DOXOLOGY*

№ 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois
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HYMN*

“Glorify Thy Name”

№ 19 (P&W)

SCRIPTURE*

Luke 24:36-53

Sarah Varnell

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.

44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer

and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

№ 15

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

John Gentry

Arr. Charles Orr

This Week's Schedule

Today, May 17:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 18:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring
7:00 p.m. Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, May 19:

5:00 p.m. Tutoring
6:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, May 20:

5:00 p.m.Prayer Group
6:45 p.m.Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 21:

5:00 p.m.Tutoring

Sunday, May 24:

9:45 a.m..... Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Youth Group Meeting

Youth ages 10 and up are invited to meet in the Children's Building at 4:00 PM. We meet every other Sunday. Next meeting is TODAY, May 17th.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

In partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Good Samaritan Center of Douglasville, our Mobile Food Pantry provides fresh food to our community through a convenient drive-through distribution beginning at 2:00 PM. This outreach takes place every other month on the third Saturday (June 20, August 15, October 17, and December 19). Volunteers are an essential part of this ministry and are asked to arrive at 12:00 PM to help prepare and serve. If you would like to be part of this meaningful outreach, please contact the church office—or if you need food or know of someone who does, plan to drive through and spread the word.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School is coming up July 6–10 from 6:00–8:30 PM, and we would love for you to be part of this exciting week! We are looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of areas, including meal preparation and serving (supper is provided each night), registration and dismissal, music, recreation, Bible study, and crafts. There is truly a place for everyone to serve. VBS is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love, build relationships, and help grow our youngest mem-

bers, as well as children in our community, in their walk with Jesus. Registration forms for children and volunteer sign ups are available on the credenza behind the sanctuary, in the children's wing, and in the church office. Please consider joining us for this meaningful ministry. Your time and presence can make a lasting impact! Contact the church office or Jess Arther to get involved.

Community Night @ LSMC

Join us for Community Night at Lithia Springs Methodist Church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! This is a relaxed, welcoming time for all ages to come together—everyone is invited. We'll share supper, enjoy games, get creative with crafts, and spend time building community. Whether you come every time or just drop in when you can, we'd love to have you with us!

Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Susan Bennett • Betty Andrews • Mike & Pam Arther, Sherry & George Walker • Sandra Rodriguez • Kim & Danny Wine • McCant Hayes • Margaret Arnold • Wanda Wilkerson • Adrienne Forehand • Ginger Adams • Dale Arrington • David Hutton • Karen Forehand • Hope & Chase McCoy • Family of Carol Steele • Erika Lail (Death of her brother, Karl)

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